Miss HEPZIBAH GNANASIKAMONY (*Nominated*): In answer to part (ii), may I know the number of permanent incumbents from among women in the above post?

Mr. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Nil.

Miss HEPZIBAH GNANASIKAMONY (*Nominated*): May I know why?

Mr. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I did not distinguish the ladies and gentleman in this answer. But the question relates only to the men's branch.

Dispensary at Edappalli.

99. *Mr. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation to open a dispensary at Edappalli;

(*b*) whether the Inspecting Medical Officer has made any report to Government for starting a dispensary there;

(*c*) if so, what action has been taken by the Government in the matter;

(*d*) the distance from Edappalli to the nearest District Hospital at Alwaye; and

(*e*) the population of Edappalli North and South *pakuthies*

Mr. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, at the instance of the Inspecting Medical Officer, the Administrative Board, Medical Services, in their resolution dated 29-8-1927, recommended the opening of a dispensary at the place under the Rural Medical Relief Scheme.

(*c*) Owing to financial stringency, the opening of new dispensaries in the State under the Rural Medical Relief Scheme has been postponed to better times.

(*d*) 8 miles.

(*e*) The population of Edappalli and the neighbourhood is 25,000.

Mr. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Is the member aware that the nearest Government hospital available is 8 miles away from Edappalli and so how could medical aid be given to the inhabitants of that place?

Mr. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) It is not an unusually long distance when compared to places which are more than 8 miles; and, further, there are motor conveniences between important places.

Mr. K MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): In view of the fact that the nearest hospital is 8 miles away from Edappalli and in view of the fact that the population is 25,000, will the Government be pleased to consider the establishment of a hospital as a special case in this locality?

PRESIDENT: Future action; not allowed.

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